

Strafford, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Strafford
Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 2
District 17
Strafford County District 3

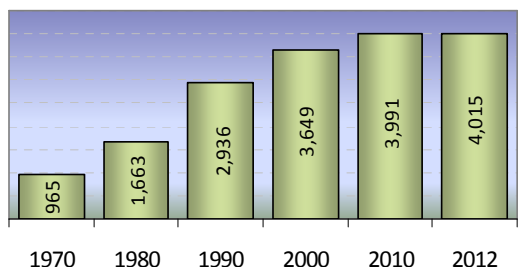
Incorporated: 1820

Origin: This territory was for a long time part of Barrington, and settled prior to the Revolution. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1820, taking its name from the county in which it is located. Earl of Strafford was a title of the Wentworth family in England. Strafford, Vermont is also named for the family. The name was also adopted by a state militia company in Dover, the Strafford Guards, who later became part of the New Hampshire National Guard. The company served as escort for the Marquis de Lafayette on his visit to America, and saw service in the Civil War.

Villages and Place Names: Berrys Corner, Bow Lake Village, Center Strafford, Hills Corner, Leighton Corners, Strafford Corner, Welshs Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,144 residents in 1820

Population Trends: Population change for Strafford totaled 3,293 over 52 years, from 722 in



1960 to 4,015 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 72 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2012 Census estimate for Strafford was 4,015 residents, which ranked 93rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 81.2 persons per square mile of land area. Strafford contains 49.2 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013-2014	\$2,631,985		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014	\$10,704,129		
Zoning Ordinance	1970/12		
Master Plan	2002		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Planning
Appointed:	Conservation

Public Library **Hill**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	10 miles	82	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	PSNH		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	None		
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.38		
2012 Equalization Ratio	102.4		
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.85		
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	97.2%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.5%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.3%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2008-2012)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,713		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,506		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	81		
Five or More Units in Structure	9		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	117		

DEMOGRAPHICS		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2012	4,015	124,119	
2010	3,991	123,143	
2000	3,649	112,676	
1990	2,936	104,348	
1980	1,663	85,324	
1970	965	70,431	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2008-2012

Population by Gender			
Male	2,051	Female	1,941

Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			230
Age 5 to 19			918
Age 20 to 34			474
Age 35 to 54			1,343
Age 55 to 64			519
Age 65 and over			508
Median Age			43.0 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			95.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher			39.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2008-2012)</i>	
Per capita income			\$32,632
Median 4-person family income			\$82,679
Median household income			\$85,682
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$52,035
Female			\$47,266
Individuals below the poverty level			3.6%

LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2002	2012	
Civilian labor force	2,190	2,344	
Employed	2,117	2,232	
Unemployed	73	112	
Unemployment rate	3.3%	4.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	74	114	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 566	\$ 781	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	158	90	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 334	\$ 849	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	232	204	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 408	\$ 811	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	131	157	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 428	\$ 580	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	363	361	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 415	\$ 711	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Strafford operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Coe-Brown Academy (Northwood)** District: **SAU 44**

Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester; Somersworth Career Technical Center** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	426			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2013 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **81**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
David R. Whitcher, Builder	Building contractor	25	1971
Amusement Media, Inc.	Media & marketing	15	1997
Sheilah's Deli and Market	Convenience store, deli	5	2001
Isinglass Country Store	Convenience store	3	1985
Great Crates	Storage containers	3	2004
Strafford Machine & Welding	Job machine shop	2	1974
Strafford Window	Window fabrication	2	2002
Strafford Insulating Technologies	Insulation	1	1985

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **126, 202A**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 16; I-95, Exit 5**

Distance **9 miles; 29 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Skyhaven, Rochester Runway **4,001 ft. asphalt**

Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **47 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	37 miles
Portland, Maine	60 miles
Boston, Mass.	79 miles
New York City, NY	298 miles
Montreal, Quebec	275 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2008-2012)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.3%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	4.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	32.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2008-2012

Working in community of residence	13.2
Commuting to another NH community	78.9
Commuting out-of-state	7.9

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

Municipal Parks

YMCA/YWCA

Boys Club/Girls Club

Golf Courses

Swimming: Indoor Facility

Swimming: Outdoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility

Bowling Facilities

Museums

Cinemas

X Performing Arts Facilities

Tourist Attractions

X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

X Youth Sports: Baseball

X Youth Sports: Soccer

Youth Sports: Football

X Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

X Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting

X Boating/Marinas

X Snowmobile Trails

Bicycle Trails

Cross Country Skiing

X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

X Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: